(b) The Memorandum of Understanding provides for the supply of Technical know-how, design and engineering for construction of cooling towers in India and abroad. M|s. Balcke Durr Cooling Towers, AG Ratingen, West Germany is reported to be an internationally known Company in the construction of cooling towers. As per the Memoradum of Understandig, M/s. Balcke Durr Cooling Towers will provide basic design, engineering and performances, guarantees etc. The construction of cooling towers will be done by National Buildings Construction Corporation Limited; pavment for their services will be made in rupees and not in foreign exchange.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Many power plants and chemical plants expected to be set up in the near future would require construction of sophisticated cooling towers also. The German Technology from M/s. Balcke Durr Cooling Towers will benefit the country as well as the NBCC individually for construction of cooling towers in India. NBCC will also get an opportunity of constructing cooling towers outside India in Association with M|s. Blacke Durr Cooling Towers Ltd. This will bring foreign exchange to the country.

रोजगार उपलब्ध कराने के लिए धनराशियां

8459. **श्री रामजी लाल :** क्या शहरी कार्य और रोजगार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार प्रत्येक व्यक्ति को रोजगार उपलब्ध कराने के लिए एक नये विभाग के माध्यम से राज्यों को अधिक धनराशियों की स्वीकृति देने का विचार रखती है ।

(ख) यदि हां, तो उक्त धनराशियों के आवंटन का क्या मानदंड होगा,

(ग) क्या ये धनराशियां "नेहरू रोजगार योजना" के अतिरिक्त होंगी; और

(घ) चालू वर्ष के दौरान इस विभाग के माध्यम से कितने व्यक्तियों को रोजगार उपलब्ध कराया जायेगा और इस योजना के अंतर्गत कितने शहरों को शामिल किया जायेगा ।

शहरी कार्य और रोजगार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० के० थुंगन) : (क) से (घ) यह मंत्रालय नेहरू रोजगार योजना स्कीम का कार्यान्वयन कर रहा है जिसमें बेरोजगार और अल्परोजगार योजना शहरी निर्धनों की रोजगार के सुअवसर प्रदान करने का प्रयत्न किया गया है । नेहरु रोजगार योजना के तहत पहले से ही दिए जा रहे धन के अतिरिक्त और धन देने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है । वर्ष 1995–96 के दौरान, नेहरू रोजगार योजना की शहरी लघु उद्यम स्कीम (सूमे) के अन्तर्गत लघु उद्यम स्थापित करने के लिए लगभग 1.17 लाख लाभार्थियों को सहायता दिए जाने की आशा है । नेहरू रोजगार योजना के तहत शहरी लघु उद्यम स्कीम देशभर में शहरी बस्तियों में लागू है ।

Assessment regarding need for urban dwellings

8460. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has assessed the need of urban dwellings by the year 2000 in different cities;

(b) if so, what are the number of new dwellings required for Hyderaba by the year 2000;

(c) whether Government propose to assist the State Government in meeting this requirement; and

(d) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) As per estimates made by NBO the urban housing shortage in the country by the year 2000 would be around 14.9 million dwelling units.

(b) No city-wise estimates in this regard have been made by the NBO.

(c) and (d) Housing being a State subject, it is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to draw up Action Plans to achieve the goals of reduction of shelterlessness in the country as envisaged in the National Housing Policy.

With a view to supplement the efforts of the State Governments in providing shelter facilities to economically weaker sections, the following Central sector schemes are in operation in various urban areas of the country:—

(a) *Shelter Upgradation under Nehru Rozgar Yojana*

The scheme envisages to provide Central/State Government subsidy & HUDCO loan for upgradation of houses for families with annual income upto Rs. 11850. Under this scheme, Central subsidy amounting to Rs. 805.09 lakhs has been provided for upgradation of 63,000 dwelling units in the State of Andhra Pradesh, as on 30.4.95.

(b) *Night Shelter and Sanitation Facility to Urban Footpath Dwellers.*

The Schemes envisages to provide Central subsidy @ Rs. 1000/- per beneficiary and HUDCO loan upto Rs. 4000/- per beneficiary for construction of night shelters with sanitation facilities in all urban areas for the benefit of urban footpath dwellers. In the State of Andhra Pradesh, 3 schemes have been sanctioned as on 30.4.95 to benefit 2976 footpath dwellers, including 960 in Hyderabad. In addition, 2 schemes for construction of individual dwelling units with Central assistance of Rs. 82.66 lakhs for the benefit of 3070 families in Vijyawada and Hyderabad, A.P. had been sanctioned during 1988-89 and 1989-90.

Besides these central sector schemes, institutional loan is available from HUDCO to the States for housing schemes for various categories.

Introduction of Electric Tramways

8461. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is encouraging largecities to reintroduce electric tramways;

(b) if so, what kind of assistance has been offered;

(c) whether any large cities have been selected for encouraging tramways; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) Ministry of Surface Transport is proposing to introduce a High Speed Tramways system for the U.T. of Delhi. However, the responsibility of introducing tramways in metropolitan cities of States is that of the concerned State Governments. Ministry of Surface Transport will provide only technical inputs and advice for such projects.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.